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Sierra Nevada Conservancy 3rd Annual Symposium Connecting the Dots: Wildfire, Forest Health, and Sustainable Rural Economies

Auburn, CA – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will hold its 3rd Annual Symposium on Thursday, October 29, 2009 exploring the connections between wildfire, forest health, and sustainable rural economies. SNC is gathering local, state and national experts, policy-makers, environmental, industry and community representatives to discuss the urgency of the situation in the Sierra Nevada and how to create cohesive working groups to address these issues.

This web-based symposium is open to the public at nine locations throughout the Sierra. The morning session will present and discuss on-the-ground projects and successful approaches to reducing wildfire threat while improving forest health and resiliency and providing jobs and economic development in the forests and communities of the Sierra. This discussion will include a look toward the future with policy makers and researchers considering near-term expectations and longer-term needs in order protect the lifestyle and natural resources of the Sierra Nevada.

“Anyone who cares about improving our forest health and encouraging sustainable local economic activity should find this a very informative discussion,” said Jim Branham, SNC Executive Officer. “We hope it provides communities the impetus for action.”

The public is invited to join the discussion by attending this “Webposium” in person at one of nine locations. Registration for this event is available at the SNC Website at <http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/symposium.html>.

The Conservancy is a state agency created through legislation signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2004. It emphasizes collaboration and cooperation with local government, community nonprofit and tribal organizations and state and federal agencies in developing and implementing its programs. Its area of responsibility consists of more than 25 million acres from the Oregon border to Kern County (about 25 percent of the state), including all or part of 22 counties and more than 200 communities.

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Symposium Locations

Visalia

Tulare County Board of
Supervisors' Chambers
2800 West Burrell Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291

Quincy

Plumas County Planning Department
Planning Commission Meeting Room
555 Main Street
Quincy, CA

Bishop

Bureau of Land Management
351 Pacu Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

Oroville

Butte College
3536 Butte Campus Drive, Room AHPS 113
Oroville, CA 95965

Susanville

Lassen County Fairgrounds, Jensen Hall
195 Russell Avenue
Susanville, CA 96130

Cameron Park

Cameron Park Community Center
2502 Country Club Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682

Grass Valley

Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom
121 Bank Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Sutter Creek

Day's Inn, Mother Lode Room
271 Hanford Street
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

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Location to be determined.